**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Medical Response Capabilities**

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<td>PHS Commission Corps Officers may be activated in support Strike teams that are capable of responding to public health emergencies and urgent health needs arising from major disasters or other event.</td>
<td>The DMATs can triage various forms of needs, yet sustain low-to-medium acuity patients and provide high-quality medical care under adverse and austere environments often found at the response site.</td>
<td>HMTFs supports very similar capabilities to that of a DMAT team. DMAT personnel can be configured as an HMTF for 24 hour support.</td>
<td>TCCTs provide an advance unit, augment existing medical facilities, or establish a stand-alone field hospital.</td>
<td>The DMORTs provides services for the management of fatalities resulting from natural and man-made disasters. Specifically, these teams used for victim identification after large scale disasters.</td>
<td>The NVRT is responsible for the provision of veterinary medical care to ill or injured companion, service, working, and laboratory animals to augment the states’ capabilities during public health emergencies.</td>
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**Capabilities**


- Triage/Pre-Hospital Care, General Emergency Medical Care, General Medical Care, Hospital Decompression, Support of Patient Movement, and Mass Prophylaxis.

- Has many of the capabilities of a DMAT, but its smaller footprint is tactical and mobile, suitable for smaller medical stabilizing missions for low acuity patients.

- Critical Care, Operative Care, Emergency Care, and Advanced Trauma Life Support.

- Provide technical assistance and personnel to identify and process deceased victims with the ultimate goal of issuing a death certificate and returning the remains to loved ones.

- Assess veterinary medical needs of animals and communities. Provide medical treatment to ill, injured, and sheltered animals. Veterinary medical support to other deployed NDMS deployed teams.

**Configuration**

- A scalable 65 member task force.
- Composed of 35 healthcare workers.
- A scalable 48 member task force.
- A scalable 80 member task force.
- A scalable 26 member task force.

**Team Composition**

- Advanced Practice Clinicians, Medical Officers, Registered Nurses, Respiratory Therapists, Physical Therapists, Dieticians, Pharmacists and Veterinarians. These PHS officers are supported by commission corps incident management personnel.

- Medical Officers, Advanced Practice Clinicians, Registered Nurses, Paramedics. These medical personnel are supported by Team Commanders, Pharmacists, Safety Specialists, Logistical Specialists, Information Technologists, Communication Specialist, and Administrative Specialists.

- Advanced Practice Clinicians, Medical Officers, Registered Nurses, Respiratory Therapists, and Paramedics.


- Professional and para-professional veterinary medical personnel, supported by logistical and administrative staff.

**Past Responses**

- Various NSSEs
- Harvey, Irma, & Maria (2017)
- Louisiana Flooding (2016)
- Hurricane Matthew (2016)
- Oklahoma City Tornadoes (2013)
- Super Storm Sandy (2012)
- Haiti Earthquake (2010)
- COVID Japan Repatriation (2020)
- Haiti Earthquake (2010)
- Irma/Maria (2017)
- Louisiana Flooding (2016)
- Hurricane Matthew (2016)
- Oklahoma City Tornadoes (2013)
- Super Storm Sandy (2012)
- Haiti Earthquake (2010)
- Presidential Inauguration (2017)
- Hurricane Matthew (2016)
- UN General Assembly (2016)
- Papal Visit (2015)
- Hurricane Sandy (2012)
- Various NSSEs

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